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EDITORIAL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

When we read or interpret the Bible it should always be to ascertain what God says and not what we think he ought to say.

If you will read "Home of the Soul," by Bro. G. W. Riker, of Jackson, La., in this paper. We have no doubt you will feel better.

Beloved, if God moves you to speak a word of comfort to a troubled soul and you do it, what are you but God's mouth-piece, even God's messenger? What greater honor could you ask?

What your brother needs probably above all other things, is sympathy and encouragement, and is not that in the line of your highest duty? "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

If Mr. Irving Mages would put the range of his postoffice on the next postcard he sends us we would take pleasure in attending to his request. It would take up too much of our time to hunt it up in a list of 5,000 and upwards.

Good for Richmond, Va. They tell us that it has voted out the liquor traffic by a decided majority and is not ashamed of it notwithstanding the fact that they lose \$20,000 in the way of revenue annually. Let the good work go on.

The French chamber of deputies show after the late election the majority of Republicans to be 420. The whole number is put down at 606. There seems to be very little of the monarchial sentiment left in France and Boulangerism has quite disappeared.

The Mississippi Baptist, Bro. Clarke's paper, has resumed publication. It has a new and clean appearance since its first birth. Bro. Clarke has our best wishes as he starts out anew with his paper to help his people on in the blessed work of our common Master.

A pleasant call from Bro. L. N. Brock, of Shuqualak, was one of the agreeable events of the week. He was on his way to Sandersville to address Bro. O. D. Brown in a special meeting. The brethren have our best wishes and prayers for a gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

It may be a fact, as Mr. G. W. Curtis puts it, that the great lesson of travel is education. If so it is doubtless on the ground that the more we see of the world the more we pity it. No one can well deny that the devil's work and desperate wickedness of the human heart is manifest everywhere.

If the object of Christians and especially Baptists in going into the great Parliament of Religions at Chicago is to show to all the world that the Christian religion is the only true one and therefore best of all, it may be well, but if to temporize and compromise, then they would do better to fold their arms and stay away.

If the Christian religion is not the only true religion, and is not the only one with modification or change, to the satisfaction of the people of this world, then a great mistake has been made somewhere. The Bible says it is and also the Bible says "let God be true and every man a liar." Let the great religious parliament consider this.

Miss Mamie Ellis, daughter of our brother, R. V. S. M. Ellis, of Clinton, graduated at Hillman College last June and goes this fall to Hollins Institute, Va. She is one of the most intellectual young women in the State. She is very young, but no one can fail to see that she is brilliant. Miss Mary Venable, daughter of President R. A. Venable, of Clinton, went on the same train with Miss Ellis to enter Bristol Female College, Bristol, Tenn. Miss Mary is not a child, but is intellectual and lays hold of difficult studies with the avidity of a specialist. They both passed through here last week.

OUR OBSERVATORY.

Rev. J. A. Lee, of Courtland, has resigned and is ready to accept work either within or out of the State. Bro. Lee has done well in his present field and we feel sure that he will soon be engaged by churches in need of an active, progressive pastor.

Three were received into the Oxford church last Sunday morning by letter, and one was baptized at night. The congregations at both services were unusually good, and the Sunday School was finely attended.

The University opened last Thursday with seventy students present. Since then a number have come in, and it is expected that the enrollment will reach at least one hundred or more in a few weeks.

We spent two days most pleasantly at the Chickasaw Association last week. Rev. J. T. Pitts was elected moderator, John Powell clerk and N. M. Henry treasurer. The brethren gave us a good hearing for the Record and we secured many new subscribers.

Bro. A. V. Rowe did fine work at the Chickasaw last week. His speech on State Missions was up to high-water mark, and will do great good. The association is in sympathy with the work, and so the churches made liberal and cheerful pledges for State Missions.

Dr. R. A. Venable spent one day at the Chickasaw, and captured the brethren for Mississippi College and Christian education. He is making visits, in some instances, to two associations in each week. We need an agent in the field who will give his whole time to the interest of the College. We do not believe that the trustees could make a more profitable investment. It would pay the salary many times over, and result in permanent and substantial help for the institution.

We heard this high compliment paid to one of our best brethren recently: "I love him because he never has any schemes on hand, but is as free and as open as can be."

Our contemporary, the Biblical Recorder, seems to be getting desperate over its delinquents. Dr. Bailey is earnestly contending for them to obey the apostolic injunction: "Owe no man anything."—Brethren in the State are not aware of the great help they could render us in making up this column if they would send us news items from their respective sections.

We are reliably informed that one of our best churches has an eye on Rev. George Wharton, of Waynesville, N. C., with a view to bringing him back to Mississippi. That would be a good thing to do, and we certainly wish them success.

From what we hear Blue Mountain Female College must have had a fine opening last week. Dr. Lowrey passed through Oxford with a carload, and they were to come in from several other directions. To be sure there are many other excellent schools in Mississippi, but Blue Mountain is in the lead. Who denies it?

We do not remember that our churches have been troubled lately by any peripatetic, untaxed, irresponsible tramp preachers, but it is always safe to try the spirits and see if they be genuine.

Central Baptist. We believe that some brethren like tramp preachers better than any other kind, and they are never so happy as when imposing on these frauds upon their churches.

Dr. Whitsett says the man who deceived and imposed upon him most was one who had his pocket full of recommendations and endorsements. Beware of the fellows who tramp over the country loaded down with them, and keep such men out of your pulpits or brethren.

Bro. B. F. Whitten, of the Oxford Association, is making his arrangements to attend the next session of the Assembly. We know that his churches will regret to give him up; but we believe that our brother is doing the very best thing that he could do, both for himself and the churches.

Dr. R. J. Willingham is now in Richmond, Va., and has charge of the work of our Foreign Mission Board. We are glad to note that Dr. Tichenor who has been very seriously ill is improving.

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But this is by the way. Our Association has much to do; it has left much undone. Both colportage and Sunday School work has been neglected; it would seem necessarily so—for the committees encountered difficulties and passed through sickness and afflictions. From a human standpoint, we have suffered loss by not occupying the field spread before us; but God can overrule all to his glory.

A careful student of the Bible and the times cannot but note the fact that we are living in a remarkable age. Methods are changing. Organization is the ruling passion of the day. Not to organize is to be crushed out. And this is not confined to the temporal affairs of life. Religious combinations are becoming frequent and powerful. Union is the watchword; non-essentials, so-called, the sentiment and liberalism, in man's view, the argument.

Christianity is generally regarded as either Catholic, technically, or Protestant. These are subdivided; the former into Grecian and Roman; the latter into many sects, succeeding mostly from Rome and each other. But what about the Baptists, who claim no such origin? They do not believe in "apostolic succession," for they fail to find it taught in the New Testament; but they do believe in a succession of the ordinances as practiced by the apostles.

In some things Baptists can form unions, but not on a basis of non-essentials, nor of liberality. They dare not say what God commands is non-essential, and they have no right to be liberal with what is not their own—i. e., the doctrines of the New Testament as taught by the Saviour. These are to be kept, and that without additions or subtractions. Were we more united ourselves, and more strict in observing the law of Christ, we would convert the world. Alas, the contrary is too nearly true.

There is a liberality which we would do well to cultivate—liberality of labor for the advancement of Christ's kingdom; liberality of giving to bring forth more laborers, and liberality of love for the brethren that we may encourage, instruct and help to keep them in the right way. No work is more effective than faithful colportage; none more than the work of the Sunday School.

A REQUEST.

DEAR READERS OF THE RECORD:—I come to you with a request. As many of you know something about me and my work, but not all, and I will explain to all before making the request. I am now at work as missionary for the Tishomingo Association, and have been for nearly three years. If there is a place on earth that I love, and people, it is the said Association and her people. And then I am doing no more than I ought to, because I was raised and converted in her bounds, and about seven years ago commenced preaching. I was authorized to be set apart to the ministry by the church at Medan Creek, and I went to work, and have been at it ever since, though when I started out I was very poor and illiterate. I took four churches to serve as pastor. They were from five to fifteen miles from me. I would work in the field, plow and hoe, until Friday night. Saturday morning I would start for my appointment on foot with my little sermons for my people, that I had outlined and prepared at night after my day's labor. But I was so illiterate I decided to go to school. Now, for two years I was in the school-room, lived hard, and walked from five to fifteen miles to my appointments and preached hard. So it seems that my life has been one of hardships, and I believe it would have been more so if the dear Christian people had not prayed for me, as I believe they did. They told me that they were praying for me, and I believe they did. The Lord has blessed my labors and I praise God for it.

Now as to my request. I start for Texas, to be gone about three weeks, to-morrow, to assist in some meetings. And I want the prayers of every Christian that reads THE RECORD, and especially do I ask that of the Tishomingo Association. The Board of the Tishomingo Association has given me a month's vacation, for which I am very thankful. Bro. J. C. Swain takes my place until I return. I trust that the people will meet him at all my appointments, for he is indeed a fine preacher. Fraternally,

J. R. BARRETT.

The above letter shows what pious pluck can do. We have heard that Bro. Barrett is one of the most faithful and successful missionaries.—EWS.

GOOD NEWS.

DEAR RECORD:—I have recently closed two very precious meetings, one at Bethel, on Indian Bayou. Here I was assisted by Bro. J. E. Watts, whose preaching was clear, practical and was presented in such a way that much good was accomplished. Accessions: 32. Since the meeting closed the ring of the saw and hammer are now heard on a new house of worship.

The other was at Jones Bayou. Here I was assisted by Bro. J. R. Hughes whose labors were abundantly blessed of the Lord. Accessions: 43. The church was much revived.

We believe the eternal purposes of God are being up to the Baptist cause here in the Delta and are long we, (that is Baptists), will take the rich and fertile valley of the Mississippi for Christ. We are now at work at Hollandale. Pray for us. To God be all the praise and glory.

WM. STANBURN.

Stanley tells how the African King Mess came to him eagerly asking for a Bible that had been shown him. In Uganda, today, the native Christians number many thousands, as a result of the teaching of God's word. They have professed their faith under torture and affliction, that would appal the stoutest heart. It is to provide for the distribution of the Scriptures that the "Bible Day" observance will occur on the second Sunday of November. The use of the excellent program furnished by the Society, will give more new views of the book, and the great work that is required at the hands of American Baptist Contributors ought to be general and generous. Dr. B. King, the Bible Secretary, will furnish needed information. Address him at 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BRO. T. B. WILLIAMSON

Licensed to preach and commended by the Grenada church. Whereas, Bro. T. B. Williamson is a man and brother whom we all esteem and whom we know him to have the moral qualifications of a minister of the gospel and since hearing him preach we believe him to have all the scriptural qualifications therefore he is resolved by the Grenada Baptist church that we commend him to the churches and the public as one worthy and well qualified to do much good in the Master's service and that it is our duty to have him ordained as soon as practicable. Passed by a unanimous vote of the church in conference Aug. 20th, 1893.

J. W. LEE, Moderator, O. C. LEIGH, Church Clerk.

BOOK NOTICES.

Centenary Missionary Addresses. Delivered at Missionary Conferences and elsewhere, under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union, in the years 1892 and 1893. 12mo, 228 pp. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

The ruling thought in the minds of those most prominent in celebrating the centennial of modern missions has been not simply that of raising a given amount of money, but of elevating the current conception of the missionary enterprise to a higher platform as well. In the interests of this purpose, a series of missionary conferences was planned by the home society, Dr. Mable, to be held at different times in different parts of the country. Representative men took part in these, and an effort was made to pitch them upon a biblical and spiritual level. There was an effort too to remove somewhat the petticoat glamour that has surrounded more or less the motive for mission, and to plant them on the broad platform of Christ's commands; and humanity's need in all its broad area.

When the conferences were over it was felt that some of these addresses should be gathered up and perpetuated—so many at least as would give an idea of the thought running through them, and so aid in widening the circle of influence which they created. Hence the Publication Society joined hands with the Missionary Union, and the result is the volume heralded by this notice. It is not saying too much to say that it is worthy of the occasion and purpose it is meant to serve. The names of Drs. Broadus, Moxom, Gordon, Moss, Strong, Robins, and Hovey, names of those whom our denomination delights to honor, are among those appearing, and their utterances are worthy of them and the cause on behalf of which they speak. It will be noted by the reader that in the order in which the papers are arranged a progress of thought appears. Beginning with the essential missionary nature of Christianity it moves on to the world-wide horizon of mission and the relation of the home field thereto. It takes then the care, and endowment, and sustentation, and inspiring vision of the Missionary, ending with the influence of missions and the spotless ambition that would make Christ's cause supreme.

The volume is neat in its appearance, cheap in price, historic in its occasion, noteworthy in its contributors, and most valuable in its contents. Its appearance fittingly rounds out the centennial celebration, and it ought to be found in the hands of all our Baptist people. An appropriate and suggestive introduction has been prepared for the volume by Dr. Mable, to whom the conference owes so much in their inception and results.

Christ's Aged Parables. A Study of the Miracles. By N. S. Butts, D.D. 12mo, 256 pp. Price, \$1.00. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

The relation of the miracles of our Lord to his ministry has been subject to very great misapprehension. This has pertained to both the nature and function of miracles with consequent detriment to their legitimate influence. Some have regarded them as stumbling blocks, to be feared as possible removal, while others who would believe in them, have been sadly perplexed to know just what to do with them, at last, so far as their permanent value is concerned. Many who recognize their value in ancient testing Jesus as divinely sent, have not so well known how to connect them with the service of his truth for all time. It is especially in the interest of this feature of miracles that Dr. Burton has written this book that Dr. Burton has written this book that Dr. Burton has written this book.

He has conceived of the miracles of Christ as acted parables, as his little illustrations. The miracle, according to his thought, contains a moral, spiritual truth nobler than the parable. It is conveyed in a different way. It appeals to the eye. It is so emphasized that had he been otherwise conveyed to the ear. Thus Dr. Burton finds in the miracles just what we should expect to find with this conception of them, a progressive unfolding of spiritual truth.

This fact will shape our thought of the ultimate purpose of the miracle as it has that of Dr. Burton. He tells us that it is not to establish its reputation of Jesus as a wonder-worker. It was not in its ultimate aim to draw admiration and distress. It was to educate the disciples regarding the nature of the new kingdom, and help to fit them for their work therein. This gives an element of permanent value to the miracles, for they are educational still, and as much now as when they were wrought, do they bring a message of the might and tenderness and resources of the Lord.

Dr. Burton has given us a thoroughly good book. Its style is clear, its thought evangelical and strong, and its tone devotional throughout. It is not for scholars in the sense that the "Notes" of Dan Trench are, since it is so prepared with a different purpose. It will be welcomed however, we believe, by many of our pastors, by Sunday-school teachers, and by the average members of our churches. It will help them to understand that the miracles of Jesus are not something extrinsic to his main plan, something added, but that they form an essential and integral part of his revelation of himself, and in the unfoldment of his truth. The Publication Society has done a good service in bringing out such a book.

Anne Kendrick Benedict. 12mo, 192 pp. Price, 90 cents. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street.

Few sights are calculated to more quickly arouse the sympathy of the beholders than that of young children thrown out into life and compelled to fight its battles, deprived of the care of father and mother. There are few sadder words than "orphan." It is this fact in part which arouses the attention of the reader to Mrs. Benedict's story of "Centa." An attention, however, which is held and increased by the bright, interesting way in which the little story is told. From the time Centa arrives at the railroad station in C—, accompanied by her twin brother Fritz, to the time when we lose sight of them in the happy home of their grandmother—she an educated young lady and he an enterprising student at Brown—the interest of the reader does not flag for a moment.

Of the many good things lying between the two points indicated we can mention only a few or two. Hans, the little, hard-headed, shrewd, money-loving, tender-hearted saleskeeper in whose house the children find a home, is a capital character sketch. Centa is very fascinating, a vision for music, her pure nature, and her high Christian principle. "Mis-Kandey" teaches how many opportunities for doing good open before the ignorant. And "Hemmerich" proves to us that no nature may be so repellent that acts of kindness and Christian sympathy cannot find a place in it. The temptations to which so many are exposed, a d of which the reality of Christian workers know nothing, are well depicted, as also is the value of a genuine Christian training and principle. Perhaps many a young disciple may be encouraged to let her light, tiny though it may seem, shine in some godless home because of her reading this story of "Centa."

Mrs. Benedict is the daughter of the honored professor of Greek in the University of Rochester. We hope that this will not be her last appearance as one of the writers of our Publication Society.

THE ST. LOUIS FALL FESTIVITIES

For the year 1893 include some of the most costly and gorgeous attractions the world has ever seen. Thousands of dollars are being spent in entertaining visitors and making known the greatness of the Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley.

The St. Louis Exposition is now open, with its manufacturing, mechanical, liberal arts, electric and other departments and will remain open until October 21st. The famous Sousa's Grand Concert Band will give four concerts daily.

THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION. Rival the splendors of the Orient and the most brilliant displays of Paris. Over seventy-five thousand gas jets are used, which, aided by thousands of electric lights, make the streets one grand blaze of fire and light. Among the most conspicuous and attractive of the displays may be mentioned an Electric Panorama, illustrating the discovery of America, an Electric Fountain, an Electric Revolving Star of changing colors, and a double Electric Arch with 46 Portraits, in addition to thousands of triumphal arches and dazzling displays of lights of many colors.

THE VIELD PRIZE. Will pass through the principal thoroughfares with Oriental Magnificence on the evening of Tuesday, October 3rd, when there will be a Special Illumination.

THE 33rd ANNUAL FAIR. Will open October 2nd, and close October 7th. This will be the closing week of the Carnival Season.

For the above or a visit to the Mobile and Ohio Railroad will sell tickets daily to St. Louis and return at the remarkably low rate of one fare.

Further particulars furnished by our Mobile and Ohio ticket agent.

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FROM THE HARMONY ASSOCIATION.

BRO. EDITOR:—The next session of this body will be held with the Carthage church beginning on Saturday, before the month of Sunday in October. There is no doubt but we will have a large attendance, and we would be pleased to have several of the ablest preachers in our State to visit us. Brethren take notice and consider yourselves invited. Notify us that you are coming and we will meet you at Keokuk, Canton or Forest and bring you out.

T. J. MOORE, Clerk of Association

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MISSIONS.

A 23 page tract which contains an address by Eld. O. B. Bowen, Ellenville, Miss., price 10 cents. The following are some of the commendatory notices of the tract.

Rev. H. H. Carroll, D.D., Waco, Texas:—"I like it, I like it all of it, I like all of it very much. It is well rounded and complete as an address. Its divisions of thought are few, clear, simple and aptly correlated. The three propositions are scriptural and demonstrated by scripture. The argument is earnest, pointed, forcible and well dressed, neither overdrawn by gorgeous word-dress, nor undressed as a bare-bony skeleton. Simple, muscular, fiber and veins of heart-blood in circulation are there. It is a sharp pointed well feathered shaft from a supple well strong bow. The doctrine of it is not like a cracked or cast iron ball, but like a silver mingled with other well tempered metal, which gives a certain sound, a sound that prepares the hearer for a lesson. Rev. W. H. Whitist, D. D., Pro. Louisville, Theo. Seminary:—"I have read it with interest and profit. It is sound in thought, and eloquent in expression."

Rev. J. M. Frost, D.D., Nashville, Tenn.:—"It is a very timely tract. Bro. Bowen has

discussed his subject with very marked ability. I think it could be read in all our homes and studied in all our missionary circles. It discloses what is beyond question great need in all our missionary operations. More of the Holy Spirit of God."

Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., Augusta, Ga.:—"I have read it with interest and am of opinion that it will result in great value towards lifting up the mission conception to a higher plane."

Prof. H. H. Harris, President Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.:—"It is sound in doctrine and striking in statement. Rev. J. B. Cranfield, Editor Baptist Standard, Texas:—"Bro. Bowen handles his subject ably and scripturally. The circulation of the tract would do great good for the cause of missions."

Rev. J. B. Moody, D. D., Oswego, Ky.:—"I think the treatment of the subject is spiritual and the points are happily stated. I am especially pleased with the emphasis given to the sovereignty of the spirit. The old-time doctrine of grace have a charming ring to my ears. I would therefore rejoice in the wide circulation of the tract."

A few of the first edition are on hand and may be had by addressing the author at Ellenville, Miss. Price single copy 10 cents. If orders enough could be secured to justify a second edition, they could be had at a price not more than 20 or 25 copies are taken by each copy.

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